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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1939

This grand stroke of diplomacy, would probably never have occurred to the British Government but for an unfortunate blunder on the part of our own Government, which is very well explained by Mr. Fessenden in his speech on the 4th day. Now it is not astonishing that in the present hour of Mr. Foray, dated April 27, 1853 to Henry S. Fox, the British Minister at Washington, he should announce the willingness of the President to enter into an arrangement for a survey and exploration "upon the basis of the original American proposition, and the modifications" offered by her Majesty's Government." The President, it seems, is willing to give up the only important points of the question, by admitting the propriety of these most absurd modifications. But this matter is before Congress, and we shall probably hear from Daniel Webster on the subject, as he has intimated his intention to do. As to the question: He will probably use up the modifications as he did the Sub-Treasury scheme.

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I feel fully warranted in saying that Maine does not intend, by this expression of her determination to run the line in a certain contingency, to waive, in the least degree, her well-<sup>and</sup>ed claim upon the General Government to run, mark, and establish it. On the contrary, she will most reluctantly yield the hope she now so strongly feels, that it is the intention of that Government to relieve her from the necessity of throwing herself upon her own resources, to assert and defend her most unquestionable right. The wish of this State is, that the first act should be to run the line of the treaty of 1763, ~~to ascertain the facts in relation to the topography of the country, and the exact spot where the northwest angle of Nova Scotia may be found, according to our construction of the treaty language, and to place suitable monuments along the whole line.~~ Such a survey would not settle or determine any rights; but it would express and declare our views and intentions. Such a survey is not a wasteful or offensive measure, and cannot justly give offence to the other party in the controversy. It is the unquestionable right of litigants, in a court of justice, to make explorations of land in dispute, and, if either party declines a joint survey, it may be made *ex parte*. And surely the United States have never so far yielded the actual possession to Great Britain as to preclude the right, on our part, to ascertain for ourselves the absolute facts, and to mark out the limits of our claim, and our alleged right. This to Maine asks, and asks earnestly, the General Government to perform without delay. Such an assumption of the controversy, on the part of the United States, would be to Maine an assurance that her rights were duly regarded, and would be steadily and perseveringly maintained. We want the name and the authority of the United States, and there can be no doubt that acting, emanating from that source, would be regarded, by those interested on both sides, as of more importance than any act of an individual State. So far, then, from any indifference on the part of Maine, as to the action of the General Government, or any desire to be driven to assume

The people of Maine, sir, are not desirous of a just-war. Both in their habits and their principles they love and wish for peace and quietude. They are not satisfied with their lot, but to acquire wealth, they, by engaging us with their neighbors, and what of it are they to become of a fair warfare, which is the means of sacrificing human life, and increasing ill-will and bad passions, without bringing the controversy to a conclusion. They are not desirous of the blood of Maine, engaged in the heat of a mortal strife; and it is the duty of a Maine man to be peaceably disposed towards all men, to be governed by a just and equitable sense of right and wrong, and to determine spirit

Sir, this scheme proposes to place in the hands of individuals who are dependent alone on the will of the president for their continuance in office, *all, yes, all, the countless millions* of the money of this government for disbursement and safe keeping. These men are to receive it, hold it, use it, when and as they please, with no earthly barrier between it and temptation to appropriate it to their own uses, which the person-custody of such immense treasures must of necessity remove. The feeble restraints of poor, fallible human nature, and the fear of the consequences which might result from an ultimate detection.

and the sword. All the blades of the sword  
were depressed as existing in this country  
as an instrument of justice and mercy.

the treasuries are using the money in their respective districts, so as to produce the desired influence on the people. And yet, in a moment, the whole treasure can be collected in the concentrated mass at the nod of the monarch. This is all done silently and secretly. The evil is felt and no one can tell whence it comes. Despotism is upon them and they have means to break it.

This system of monarchy, this engine of despotism, is the very one which the bill under consideration proposes to introduce into this country. It will make the power of the president supreme as that of any autocrat of Europe.

were attempt to force the minds of the people  
 think with them? Do they follow the pop-  
 ular will, or do they make the people will  
 and to their desires? Sir, my honorable col-  
 league (Mr. Sergeant) told a grave truth the  
 other day. Even he said that the government  
 carried every thing by a war. It singles out its  
 target, selects its class, appoints its allies and  
 then opens its campaign and with its might  
 it holds the truth, the press and the people  
 and paralyzes them. The field of battle is  
 "richer" to be standard, than to be free  
 to be, and marches on, and the thing that  
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